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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: COUNTRY ACTION PLAN FOR HUNGARY

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REF: (A) STATE 124497, (B) STATE 124498

1. EMBASSY CAN ADD LITTLE TO EXCELLENT DRAFT PLAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS FORWARDED REF A. WE REGARD IT AS THOUGHTFUL, COGENT PLAN WHICH ADEPTLY AVOIDS DANGERS OF IMMOBILISM ON ONE HAND AND FORCING HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT INTO NEGATIVE REACTION TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS ON OTHER HAND.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW MINOR SUGGESTIONS KEYED TO REF A:

(A) ADD TO 7.A.1. AT END OF PARAGRAPH: "AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN HUNGARIAN JAILS."

(B) CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE OF 7.A.2.(A) TO "FAMILY WIDESPREAD FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ASSEMBLY AND THOUGHT IS PERMITTED EXCEPT THAT FUNDAMENTAL CRITICISM OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, OF THE MAJOR PREMISES OF DOMESTIC POLICY, SUCH AS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION, OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF

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HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY IS NOT TOLERATED. HUNGARY DOES PERMIT ITS POPULATION TO HAVE ACCESS TO WESTERN INFORMATION SOURCES. RFE AND VOA ARE NOT JAMMED AND RADIO AND TV FROM NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA AND AUSTRIA, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE EASILY RECEIVED THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE COUNTRY."

(C) ADD AT CONCLUSION OF SAME PARAGRAPH, "ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THIS PRACTICE."

(D) ADD TO 7.A.2(B) AT END: "WHICH HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN PENDING SINCE 1976."

(E) IN PARA 7.A.2.(C) CHANGE "MANY" TO "MOST" AND CHANGE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO READ "A FEW NON-PARTY MEMBERS HAVE DEFEATED PARTY CANDIDATES."

(F) ADD TO 7.A.3.(C) AT END OF PARAGRAPH: "BUT DISPARITIES ARE LESS OR ON THE ORDER OF DISPARITIES AMONG LIVING STANDARDS IN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES."

(G) CHANGE LAST SENTENCE PARA 5 TO READ: "HUNGARY REFUSED TO RECEIVE OFFICIALLY A CSCE COMMISSION MEMBER LAST FALL BUT WAS PREPARED TO ISSUE A VISA FOR A PRIVATE VISIT."

(H) ADD TO FIRST SENTENCE 7.B.1: "FOR WHICH IT IS FROM TIME TO TIME UNDER PRESSURE FROM SOME OF ITS ALLIES TO REVERT TO A HARDER POLICY."

(I) IN 7.B.4.(B) INSERT AFTER HUMAN RIGHTS IN SECOND SENTENCE: "AND HAS DONE SO."
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